

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, We must all do our part to reverse the Department of Defense's recommendation to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) that Ellsworth Air Force Base be closed; and,

Whereas, Ellsworth Air Force Base contributes greatly to our nation's defense and our ability to protect our national interests around the world; and,

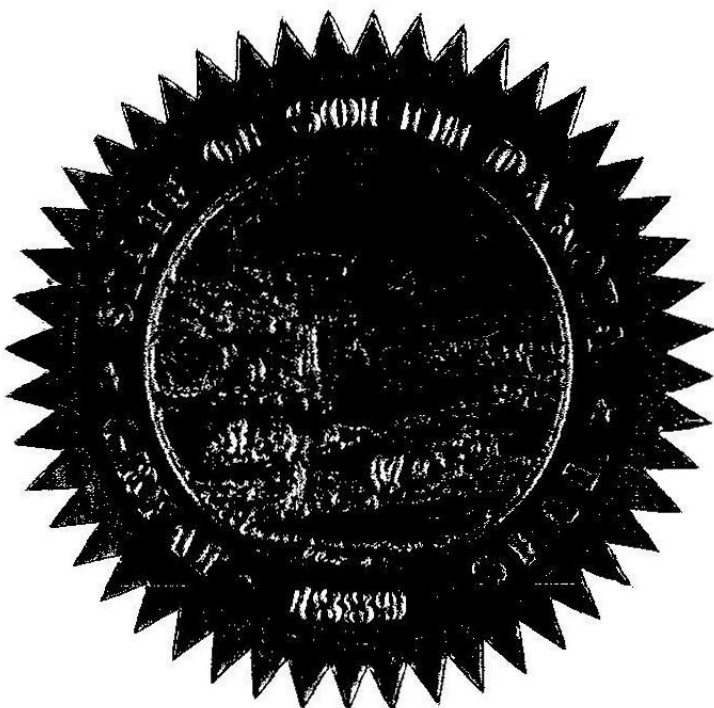
Whereas, Ellsworth Air Force Base is an important part of the economy and culture for the entire state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, For more than 60 years, communities in Western South Dakota have continually supported and appreciated the contributions of the families who call Ellsworth Air Force Base home; and,


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, in recognition of this important event, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2005, as

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE DAY


in South Dakota, and encourage employers throughout the state to allow employees time off to attend the BRAC Commission Hearing at the Rushmore Civic Center.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State